

**In the Abstract**

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--Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention relates to a method and a device (20) in a network environment having the capability to exchange data (24) via the communication network (22) and for simulating a communication (26) by generating messages with a minimized use of the communication network. The simulation of the communication is to be done on a (mobile) terminal device (22) of a communication network (22), and comprises the detection of an initiation event in the terminal device. Following the detection, the properties of the initiation event are determined, and a simulated message related to the determined properties is generated, wherein the simulated message is generated from data stored in the storage. Finally, the simulated message is presented (26) via a communication functionality of the communication device. The normal communication path (24) of the communication device (20) is not restricted by the simulation.

(Fig. 3)